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SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF IRAQ CONFERENCE DRAFT AGENDA PASSED TO
FRENCH MFA

REF: A. STATE 56560 (NOTAL)
[1](#)B. PARIS 973 AND PREVIOUS

We passed a copy of the draft agenda for the Friends of Iraq conference (ref A) to French MFA DAS-equivalent for Iran/Iraq/Arabian Peninsula Franck Gellet on May 28. As noted in ref B, the GOF decided again not to attend the conference because of its association with the MNF-I coalition, of which France is not a member. We explained that we were conveying the agenda for the GOF's information and to underscore that its intention was to move well beyond political and security matters in Iraq. Gellet offered no response.

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